

1 Peter 1:20-21

The Work of Christ

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The roles of the persons of the Trinity in 1 Peter

- God (The Father)
 - His power accomplishes the work¹ in our lives
 - See 1:3-5*,23; 4:11; 5:10
 - He is the focus of our worship
 - See 1:21; 2:5,9*,16; 4:11,16; 5:11
- Jesus Christ
 - God works his work through the work of Jesus Christ²
 - See 1:3,13,18-21; 2:5,24*; 3:18,21; 4:1-2,10
- The Holy Spirit
 - He brings the good news to us
 - See 1:10-12

¹of Salvation, i.e. bringing us grace and mercy

²the Gospel of Substitution

He has always lived in the castle

*20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world,
but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you*

- *For He was foreknown* – greek is *proginōskō*³
 - “Used of persons, to foreknow with approbation, to foreapprove or make a previous choice of”⁴
 - See Romans 8:29 & 11:2
 - See also Jeremiah 1:5 & Ephesians 1:4
 - “Used of events, to previously decide or plan, to foreknow for God is to foreordain”⁵
 - See Ephesians 3:11 & Revelation 13:7-9
- *The world* – the cosmos

³root of prognosticate?

⁴Zodhiates

⁵Ibid.

Now you see him

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- *Appeared* – to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown⁶
 - See Romans 16:25-26 & Galatians 4:4-5 & Colossians 1:25-27
 - See Luke 24:13-35 – the road to Emmaus
 - Christ was with the disciples, but they could not see him⁷
 - Who is it what reveals Christ to us?
- *For the sake of you who through Him are believers in God*
 - Christ is there to point us to God
 - John 5:24 & 12:44 – to believe Jesus is to believe God
 - John 14:6 – Jesus is the way to God
 - What makes us so important?

⁶Blue Letter Bible

⁷Christ is here, but not everyone can see him

You raised me up

21 who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

- *God, who raised Him from the dead*
 - See 1:3 & 3:21-22
 - See also 2:24 & 3:13-15
 - The message from the beginning of the Church was Christ's resurrection through the power of God
- *And gave him glory*
 - See Ephesians 1:18-23 & Philippians 2:9-11
 - The glory of the Son is inseparable from the glory of the Father
 - See 5:10 – we will be partakers of that glory to the glory of God

There is a reason

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- *So that*
 - Indicates a causal relationship
 - There is an intended outcome of God's work through Jesus Christ⁸
- *Your faith and hope are in God*
 - Darby: "that your faith and hope should be in God"
 - Wuest: "so that your faith and hope might be in God"
- History as Redemptive or Doxological?

⁸nothing God does is capricious or feckless